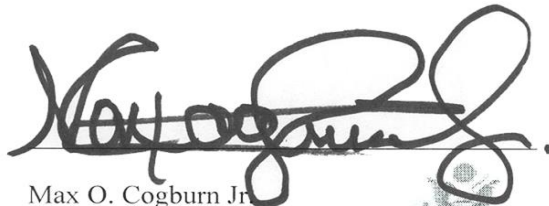


CARLA ELWANDA KEY,)
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Plaintiff,)
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v.) **ORDER**
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KILOLO KIJAKAZI,)
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Acting Commissioner of Social)
Security,)
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Defendant.)

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED that Plaintiff's Motion for Attorney Fees, (Doc. No. 12) is GRANTED. The Court will award attorney fees in the amount of \$3,750.00, and pursuant to Astrue v. Ratliff, 560 U.S. 586 (2010), the fee award will first be subject to offset of any debt Plaintiff may owe to the United States. The Commissioner will determine whether Plaintiff owes a debt to the United States. If so, that debt will be satisfied first, and if any funds remain, they will be made payable to Plaintiff and mailed to Plaintiff's counsel. If the United States Department of the Treasury reports to the Commissioner that the Plaintiff does not owe any debt, the Government will exercise its discretion and honor an assignment of EAJA fees, and pay those fees directly to the Plaintiff's counsel, Aaron L. Dalton, Chad Brown Law, P.O. Box 786,

Statesville, North Carolina 28687. No additional petition pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2412(d) shall be filed.

Signed: October 18, 2023



Max O. Cogburn Jr.
United States District Judge